

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 212

Introduced by Assembly Member DeVore

January 31, 2005

An act to add Section 6401 to the Penal Code, relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 212, as introduced, DeVore. Prisons: family visits.

Existing law requires any amendments to existing regulations of the Department of Corrections that impact the visitation of inmates to recognize and consider the value of visiting. Existing regulations prohibit overnight family visits for any inmate convicted of a violent offense involving a minor or family member, as defined.

This bill would prohibit any inmate who is incarcerated for a violent felony, as defined, from being eligible for an overnight family visit. The bill would require the department to revise its regulations to comport with this prohibition by March 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6401 is added to the Penal Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 6401. (a) An inmate who is incarcerated for a violent felony,
- 4 as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5, is not eligible for
- 5 an overnight family visit.
- 6 (b) The Department of Corrections shall revise its regulations
- 7 to comport with this section by March 1, 2006.

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